

Mooseheads top pick set to play for team



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MacDonald to step down as leader

POLITICS Progressive Conservative Leader Rodney MacDonald is expected to step down as party leader today.

MacDonald succeeded John Hamm as premier in 2006 and won a minority government a few months later. But his Tories were badly defeated by the NDP in a provincial election earlier this month, falling to third place with only 10 MLAs.

MacDonald is expected to announce his retirement as leader today at a caucus meeting in Halifax. Yarmouth MLA Richard Hurlburt, one of the few Tories to win strong re-election, is widely rumoured to take over as interim leader until a permanent replacement is chosen by the party.

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High school Dressed up for prom

Millwood High School students (from left) Ashley Moore, Madison Tiller, Caroline George, Michele Slattery and Megan Lawrence have a laugh as they pose for pictures at the Public Gardens yesterday before heading out for their prom.

Council backs 'noisy' concerts

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VOTE A discussion about letting this summer's two Concerts on the Common legally break a noise bylaw turned into a debate over musical taste at yesterday's Halifax Regional Council meeting.

In the end, city council agreed to exempt Power Promotional Events from a law that "prohibits any person from engaging in any activity that unreasonably disturbs ... the peace." That means Sir Paul McCartney and Kiss can hit the outdoor Halifax stage July 11 and July 18, respectively, without worrying about rocking too loud.

But not every councillor agreed the municipality should "bend over backwards" for big name musicians. Coun. Steve Streatch said he can't back the McCartney concert, pointing to the British musician's protest of the Atlantic Canadian seal hunt a couple of years ago.

But Coun. Dawn Sloane stressed that McCartney has picked to play Halifax on his tour over every other Canadian city, adding "he's an awesome guy."

Coun. Jerry Blumenthal said he's not really a fan of either McCartney or KISS, joking he's still "back in the music of Peter, Paul and Mary."

Streatch voted against the bylaw exemption, but Blumenthal, Sloane and others agreed the concerts are worth a couple of noisy nights.

SameSex Marriage

With pride weeks now underway across the country, Metro Canada is taking a look at the state of same-sex marriages all this week.

- Today
 - After California, same-sex marriage supporters are fighting back, pg 7
- Tomorrow
 - We introduce you to some couples hoping to get married in the U.S.
- Friday
 - An update on the status of same-sex marriages in other countries

Sunny Side

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School not so cool

Stats show classroom attendance for higher grades poor

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Missing school days

The highs and lows of attendance for high schools

- Average percentage of days missed per student in the 2007-08 school year for high schools in the Halifax Regional School Board.
 - Highest: J.L. Ilsley — 15.7%
 - Lowest: Charles P. Allen — 5.8%
- Duncan MacMillan — 11.1%
- Cole Harbour/Dartmouth — 10.8%
- Auburn Drive — 6.7%
- Halifax West — 7%

The majority of local high schools saw their students miss on average about one full day of class every two weeks during the 2007-08 school year, according to statistics from the Halifax Regional School Board.

The board received attendance figures from each of its schools, and when it came to its high schools, students in nine of the 15 schools missed on average more than 10 per cent of classes for 2007-08.

Not all of those days missed are because of sickness — some are because students skip class. The school board doesn't have

specific numbers of unexcused absences, only "anecdotal evidence that (principals and teachers) ... believe that there are students missing for no explained reason," said board spokesman Doug Hadley.

He said many schools have exam exemption policies — students with good attendance become eligible to be exempted from exams — but little else when it comes to at-

tendance guidelines.

"It's the carrot and the stick approach," Hadley said. "We need to have more than one strategy to be able to encourage students to be in school."

He said one problem is principals "can't remove them from being a student if they choose not to be in school," and from that, they don't know when these kids will show up.

As students get set for

their summer break, the Department of Education has created a committee to address absenteeism in schools, including why so many students are skipping.

Howard Windsor, a committee member, said the committee will be talking to provincial school boards and researching policies in other jurisdictions.

They will also look at an online survey completed by people involved in the Nova Scotia school system, including students themselves.

Windsor said almost 2,000 people have completed the survey so far. The committee will look at the survey and its research to create a report for Education Minister Marilyn More by September.

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A new over-the-road pedway going from the parkade and terminal opened yesterday for travellers at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. The pedway provides a direct route from the P2 level of the parkade to the second level of the terminal building. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Local



Home prices up over last spring

Prices for MLS-listed homes in the Halifax-Dartmouth region were up 3.4 per cent to an average price of \$239,134 this spring compared to last, according to the Nova Scotia Association of Realtors. The release also said the price for home sales from March to May went up 2.6 per cent for the province, to an average of \$200,301. A total of 2,650 MLS-listed homes traded hands in Nova Scotia this spring, according to the release. **METRO HALIFAX**

1,300-acre Bedford development unveiled

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A planned Bedford community so large its population would surpass Truro was unveiled yesterday.

Named the Parks of West Bedford, the project has already begun construction but will take 25 years to fully complete.

The area will span 1,300 acres with an estimated population of 18,000 people living in 6,000 dwellings. The "fully planned master community" will start on the edges of Highway 102 and Hammonds Plains Road and spread back.

It starts with a business park capable of holding over 700,000 square feet of office space. Research In

"We're very aware of what the challenges are with this economy. It's not going to be easy in the next little while."

Richard Miller,
West Bedford Holdings

Motion's complex is already nearby.

Behind that there's a 300-foot buffer of green space, then a wide variety of homes from large family houses to townhouses and apartments. There's also room for things like nursing homes, churches and schools.

The area is guided by a Halifax Regional Municipality master plan, but the de-



Richard Miller, left, president of West Bedford Holdings Limited, looks at the design of the West Bedford Business Campus with Bill MacAvoy, managing director at Cushman & Wakefield Lepage at the Diman Lebanese Centre yesterday.

signing is being done by West Bedford Holdings, a

partnership of Clayton Developments and Cresco.

Holdings president Richard Miller said the

group has already spent or committed \$42 million, and will spend an average of \$10 million over the next five years.

"We're very aware of what the challenges are with this economy. It's not going to be easy in the next little while," Miller said.

"But we have the confidence of ourselves, the confidence of our bank investors that are working with us here.

"We're going to throttle it. If we have to commit more resources and do additional servicing because of what we foresee market demands to do, we will do that."

Road construction has begun, with houses to follow in the fall.

The first residences are scheduled to go up for sale next spring.

Woman safe after Peggy's Cove fall

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A Quebec woman was rescued from the waters of Peggy's Cove yesterday afternoon after she fell off the rocks.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said the woman in her 40s was part of a bus tour from Quebec when she stepped too close to the water and was swept in. She spent about

12 minutes in the ocean before staff at the nearby Sou'Wester Restaurant and Gift Shop managed to pull her in using a life preserver.

Taplin said the woman suffered no serious injuries and was reportedly in good health. "She got too close to the edge but luckily with the quick reaction of the employers at the Sou'Wester, who are fairly organized and used to dealing with capricious situa-

tions out there, they got her pulled ashore," Taplin said. "Everything turned out OK, thank God."

Taplin said people in the area are highly organized in emergency situations and fishing boats would likely have been enroute had using the life preserver failed.

Taplin said it's not unusual for this type of incident to occur, particularly when the waves are high and the rocks get slippery.

News in brief

CAUCUS More pieces of the NDP government fell into place yesterday. Vicki Conrad, who has served as MLA for Queens since 2006, was named NDP caucus chair. Newcomer Matt Whynott was appointed caucus whip. Sackville-Cobequid MLA Dave Wilson was awarded the position of deputy house leader. **METRO HALIFAX**

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Blogs Sexcetera on why the poor economy is fuel for infidelity, and Hollywood Rants wonders if M. Night Shyamalan will find redemption in his latest flick

QEII's emergency room on the move overnight to new centre

HEALTH The new emergency room at the Halifax Infirmary site will officially open its doors to patients today at 8 a.m. But overnight, the QEII Health Sciences Centre was running two ERs as they moved patients to the new facility.

The Charles V. Keating Emergency and Trauma Centre will be the largest of its kind in Atlantic Canada and have individual rooms for each patient needing a bed, according to hospital staff. New features include better disease control, a mental health suite, more ambulance bays, higher security, and X-ray and diagnostic equipment.

Sam Campbell and Sandra Janes, co-leaders of the

Transition day

• The transition was scheduled for overnight yesterday because it is typically the least busy day of the week for patients.

emergency department, praised the facility yesterday as a safer, more efficient space. Campbell also said he anticipates wait times will decrease.

Other emergency rooms around the HRM helped the transition. Dartmouth General brought in more staff and the Cobequid Emergency Clinic in Sackville stayed open overnight. **COLIN CHISHOLM / FOR METRO HALIFAX**

Fare is Fair

Fare Increase—Effective July 1, 2009

Beginning July 1, 2009, Metro Transit's conventional route, Access-A-Bus, ferry and MetroLink fares will be increased. This increase will include cash fares, MetroPasses, MetroLink passes and tickets for adults, seniors, children and students.

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Nova Scotia's first Métis judge will be sworn in Monday at the Digby courthouse. Pierre Leon Muise of Quinan, Yarmouth Co. is being sworn-in to the provincial and family courts. He will also be the first Acadian to serve on the provincial court. **METRO HALIFAX**

Dartmouth man faces confinement charge

COURTS A 41-year-old man was in Dartmouth provincial court yesterday facing several charges including unlawful confinement after RCMP responded to a residence on Old Sackville Road Monday night where it was reported a woman had been held against her will.

Police say the female was let go by the male residence around 9:20 p.m. and she went to a neighbour's house to call the RCMP.

Police say she told them the man was still in the residence armed with a firearm. Police say when they arrived to the scene

and the 41-year-old called out to police and surrendered without incident.

Police say a search of the residence found a .32-calibre lever action rifle and a box of bullet shells in the basement.

"There was a loaded firearm when the incident was taking place," said

RCMP spokesman Joe Taplin. "We (also) believe alcohol was also possibly involved."

Gerald Johnson made a brief appearance in court yesterday charged with assault, uttering threats, unsafe storage of a firearm, unlawful confinement and mischief. **METRO HALIFAX**

Council talks new taxation

Constituents 'furious': Councillor

After nearly three years of work by a committee dedicated to coming up with a new way to collect taxes, Halifax Regional Council dove into debate about the sensitive subject yesterday.

It stopped almost as quickly as it started however, with Mayor Peter Kelly ordering the discussion be picked up again next week, but the day didn't end without it becoming clear that city councillors have strong feelings about tax reform.

"This whole process was flawed from Day 1," Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey said, pounding her fist on a desk. She claimed the city only received feedback from 400 Haligonians, adding the idea that change is needed "is being pushed down the throats of people."

But Coun. Barry Dalrym-



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Dartmouth Centre Coun. Gloria McCluskey

ple of Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank agreed with the committee that the current taxation system is broken, adding he's heard from thousands of "furious" constituents. "The further away we get from services, the higher the taxes."

City staffer Bruce Fisher writes in the committee's report that HRM is "overly dependent on property assessments," calling taxation a "difficult and emotional" issue.

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Ontario's adoption records are now open.

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Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open. This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

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Island project set: Parks Canada

ENVIRONMENT Construction on the Georges Island Infrastructure Improvement project is set to begin Aug. 1, Parks Canada said yesterday in papers filed to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry.

The federal government announced in March they were pouring \$30 million into national historic sites across Nova Scotia. That included \$3.5 million for Halifax's Georges Island, with the money going towards the construction of

Papers

- The papers filed put a completion date of March 31, 2010.

wharf facilities and to support the development of the island to becoming an operational site, opened to the public. Parks Canada also said an environmental assessment is required in relation to this project.

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Two arrested in RCMP drug bust

COURTS A man and a woman were arrested after police say they found 240 marijuana plants in a home on Waverley Road.

RCMP say they searched two homes on the street Monday afternoon and found the marijuana plants, along with two "sophisticated" growing appa-

ratuses in one of the homes.

They also say they found a loaded rifle, an illegal magazine clip, a small amount of cocaine and money.

A 24-year-old man and a 58-year-old woman face charges related to drugs.

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Smoking linked to fatal blaze

A fire that killed a 67-year-old man in New Glasgow Saturday morning has been linked to smoking said Fire Chief Russell Mosher. **NEW GLASGOW NEWS**

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School budget keeps 'status quo': Director

Says crunched proposal has 'little wiggle room'

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There will be fewer teachers in classrooms across the municipality this September under a proposed budget that school board members will vote on tonight.

But Halifax Regional School Board's director of financial services assures no one will be laid off, adding there will be nine new educational program assistants and four new math coaches for the 2009-10 year, if the budget is approved.

"We've had over 100 teacher retirements, so nobody loses a job," Richard Morris said. He also said de-

clining student enrollment is playing a role in the reduction of teaching positions, which equates to 26 full-time positions.

Overall, Morris said board staffers have managed to "maintain the status quo" in crunching the budget, which adds up to more than \$408 million.

But he said "there's very little wiggle room," explaining there are about \$2.3 million worth of educational initiatives that won't be addressed this year, such as a French immersion review.

Nevertheless, he said his

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Richard Morris, school board official

team has managed to squeeze an additional \$540,000 into its lunch hour supervision budget, or about 350 extra hours of child care each day.

Supervision fees sparked debate in fall 2007 when some parents protested the board's annual \$200 bill for parents of students who live within walking distance of school but stay for lunch. An Education Act amendment passed soon after forced boards to start covering the costs of lunch supervision for all students starting in 2009-10.



Bicentennial School students, from bottom left, Cristian Smith, Jay-Rico Smith, Laura Russell, Kathleen MacKinnon and Emily Phelan pose yesterday for a photo with their principal Frank Hayden on Portland Street. Hayden has been selected by RBC as a 2010 Olympic torchbearer.

Principal to carry Olympic torch

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

Frank Hayden didn't think he had a chance of carrying the Olympic torch across Nova Scotia when he entered a RBC contest to be part of the relay.

Well, he was wrong. Yesterday the 46-year-old was announced as the first person from the Halifax Regional Municipality selected to be a part of the 200 kilometre run around the province as part of a cross-Canada torch relay leading to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

The principal at the P-9 Bicentennial School in Dart-

Flame runners

• About 12,000 Canadians will carry the flame across the country leading up to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

mouth had some of his students alongside him when RBC announced him as a torchbearer at their branch on Portland Street in Dartmouth.

"I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the students," he said. "When (RBC) told me to come down to accept this, I said I need to bring students with me because it's all about them."

Hayden has been an edu-

cator for 22 years at nine different schools. He also has four university degrees, so learning has been a way of life for the Dartmouth native.

"We weren't the richest kids in the world — both of my folks never finished high school," he said. "But they both saw to it that all four of their kids would go to university."

One of Hayden's goals as torchbearer is to ensure that all children in the school system receive proper nutrition. He will be starting a school food bank so children at Bicentennial never have to learn on an empty stomach.

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Edmonton-Calder Conservative MLA Doug Elniski is vowing to be more careful about what he posts on his blog, CBC News Online reports. The politician apologized late Monday afternoon for controversial comments he posted on his blog and insisted that he is not sexist. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Prosecuter to leave genocide tribunal

The Canadian prosecutor at the genocide tribunal trying Cambodia's Khmer Rouge announced yesterday he is resigning, citing personal and family reasons, CBC News Online reports. In a statement, Robert Petit said his resignation will become effective Sept. 1, three years after he joined the UN-backed tribunal, which is holding its first trial. "It has been the greatest privilege of my career to have the opportunity to bring some justice to the victims of the crimes of the Khmer Rouge," Petit said.

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News in brief

WEAPONS Mounties and border patrol have intercepted a shipment of peculiar weapons. In the bust made at the Edmonton International Airport last week, officers discovered 1,200 brass knuckles,

1,000 throwing stars, 500 blow guns with pinpoint darts with the potential for poison tips, 80 short-grip crossbows and numerous four-blade handheld weapons. **VICTORIA HANDSIDES/ METRO CANADA**

RAID A sweeping search through the home of a suspected terrorist — including a drawer full of underwear belonging to his wife — violated the man's constitutional right to privacy, a Federal Court

judge ruled yesterday. Justice Simon Noël ordered the Canada Border Services Agency to return everything it seized during the seven hour raid on the Ottawa home of Mohamed Harkat. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Ottawa Planning a trip



China's Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi meets with Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff in his office on Parliament Hill in Ottawa yesterday. Ignatieff announced a visit to China in September after meeting with the Chinese minister, who called for "vision and courage" in bilateral relations.

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Sisters stand up for rights

Iranian women raising their voices

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"Iranian women are showing they too, have a voice."

Goli, protester

Social media's capture of 27-year-old Iranian woman Neda Agha Soltan's graphic shooting death Saturday has given Iranians around the world a symbol of hope in the face of a violent crackdown on election protests by the current regime.

It has catapulted the struggle of Iranian women and their patriotic voice to the foreground; something they've been setting the stage for over three decades.

"For the last 30 years (Iranian) women were not quiet and used every occasion to raise their voices. Specifically over the last four years, they managed to mobilize resources to ask for equal rights and eliminate discrimination," said Mehrak Mehrvar, research associate at the UBC Women's and Gender Studies Centre.

Mehrak said Iranian women participated in the 1979 Iranian revolution

and have gradually made human rights progress — culminating with a 1 million signature campaign to support equal rights legislation.

"What we're seeing today is the result of the good work they've done over the past 30 years," Mehrak said.

Neda's sacrifice personifies the struggle of Iranian women and their willingness to stand up for themselves and their country — a sentiment echoed by protesters at a 200-plus rally in downtown Calgary yesterday.

"Since her death she has become a symbol of brave women," protester Goli said. "Iranian women are showing they too, have a voice."

Goli said Iranian women are facing more pressures than their male counterparts in their country and have more to gain.

Pupils can rate teachers online: Court

A German court ruled yesterday that schoolchildren may rate their teachers online, rejecting the case of a woman who argued her rights had been infringed by pupils who gave her bad grades on a popular website. **REUTERS**



World



Spacecraft studying moon

NASA's unmanned lunar spacecraft is now in orbit around the moon, the start of a mission to scout the moon's environment in preparation for future manned endeavours. The probe will map the moon's craters for permanently shadowed and sunlit regions, information useful for planning potential locations of a moon base. In 2006, NASA laid out its ambitious plans to send people back to the moon in 2020 and begin work on a lunar base in 2024. **REUTERS**

Californians caught off guard

GRAHAM WOOD
Metro World News



It seemed like there was hardly a fight left to put up over gay marriage.

Rapidly, one by one, U.S. states began to lower their guard against same-sex unions: Connecticut, Vermont, Iowa, Maine and,

most recently, New Hampshire, all in the first part of this year. But then there was California. Supporters of gay marriage in California and around the country were nearly positive such a progressive state would never deny a minority what they considered a basic civil right. Opponents expected the same. And then every-



one was blindsided: Proposition 8, denying gays the right to marry, was upheld last year.

"My sense is that the supporters of marriage equality

in California were a bit complacent and that they were quite surprised," said Lawrence Levine, a professor at the University of the Pacific in Sacramento, Calif. The Courage Campaign, an advocacy group lobbying for legal gay marriage in California, is telling supporters to get ready to go for a 2010 battle at the polls.

News in brief

RIOT Inmates raped around 20 female prisoners during a failed prison break in Congo's violence-ravaged east. With small budgets and poor facilities, Congolese prisons are generally overcrowded. In many cases, soldiers, women, and children are mixed in with the general inmate population. **REUTERS**

Obama strengthens tone on Iran

IRAN Iranian authorities said they would teach an exemplary lesson to "rioters" held in the worst unrest since the birth of the Islamic Republic, and accused Western powers yesterday of inciting the violence.

The conflict, which has revealed unprecedented division in the religious lead-

ership, began to play out on the diplomatic arena, with Britain so far bearing the brunt of Iran's anger.

But that was before U.S. President Barack Obama, whose comments on Iran had been highly restrained, yesterday said the United States was "appalled and outraged" by Iran's crack-

down.

Britain also said two of its diplomats had been expelled from Iran and it had ordered out two Iranians in retaliation.

About 100 hardliners gathered in front of the British Embassy in Tehran, chanting "British Embassy should be closed." **REUTERS**

Colombia Shootout



The wife of murdered police officer waits with her baby outside the government forensic office in Cali yesterday. Leftist guerrillas attacked a vehicle carrying Colombian police on Monday, setting off a battle that killed seven officers and 25 rebels. **REUTERS**

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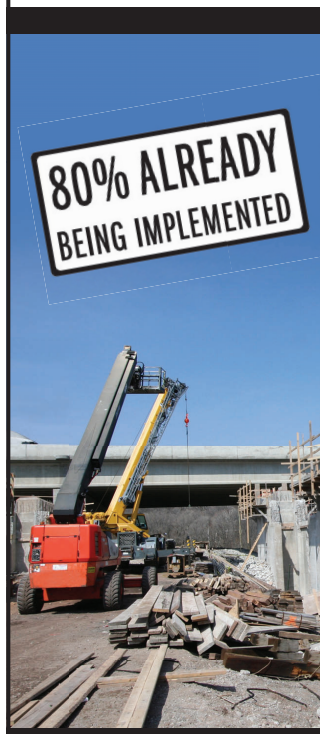
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Freedom lacking in our Information Act

TheWestView

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What is the point of the Freedom of Information Act?

Especially when it is used to cover up information?

The Defence Department in Ottawa recently refused to reveal the annu-

al cost of the war in Afghanistan, citing section 15 of the Freedom of Information Act, which advises against disclosing any information which could... "... reasonably be expected to be injurious to the conduct of international affairs, the defence of Canada or any state allied or associated with Canada or the detection, prevention or suppression of subversive or hostile activities."

I'm not sure how any of that applies to the annual cost of the war in Afghanistan, especially because last year the military

complied with an identical request and coughed up the figure of \$1 billion — the first time the annual tally had reached that lofty height.

I can just see the Taliban braintrust holed up in a cave, trying to exploit the Canadian war budget.

"Hmm, maybe we should send this message out to all our brave warriors: The Canadian government is spending \$1 billion a year to defeat you, but they are fools because Allah assures us of great victory, not to mention 72 virgins in paradise."

Or something along those lines.

Seriously, the only thing Section 15 is protecting is Stephen Harper's ample booty, which is pointless because it is already exposed on a number of fronts. When a government elected on a promise of transparency trades in secrecy, you know it has exhausted its vitality — its moral mandate.

It has sealed its fate by choosing to hide behind a provision that was obviously designed to increase our security, not undermine it. Make no mistake, the military's failure to

disclose the ongoing cost of the conflict undermines our security by increasing the public's lack of trust in Ottawa's capacity for accountability.

In the immortal words of Pogo, that cartoon character from the mid-20th century, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

At least the Taliban has never bothered to pretend to have our best interests at heart.

If the Freedom of Information Act does not ensure government accountability when it engages in war on our behalf, it becomes a hollow, mocking

shell of itself.

Freedom of information is the bedrock of democracy.

I don't know about you, but it sends shivers up my spine to learn that we will spend somewhere between \$18 and \$28 billion (the figure depends on who is doing the figuring) in Afghanistan by 2011 to preserve a tattered remnant of freedom in that sorry state, while busily suppressing it back here on the home front.

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Word on the street: Is the Harper government on the right track to get us out of the recession?

Brian Cahill

age 65, Toronto

A: No. Harper's natural sense as a neo-conservative is to do things like cut taxes, not spend.

Christiane Yerex

age 18, Toronto

A: No ... I've listened to a lot of things he's said, and I disagree with his opinions.

Chris Barry

age 27, Halifax

A: It seems like he's cutting important areas where funding still needs to be like science and research.

Mufaro Chakabuda

age 30, Halifax

A: The Canadian economy is so tied to the American economy, I don't know if he can have an impact on the recession.

Bernard Guest

age 37, Calgary

A: It's hard to say if they are on track or not ... We don't know that until we've tried.

Colleen MacLennan

age 51, Halifax

A: I believe so. I think he's a very responsible, very conservative person and I have faith in his ability.



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Recession puts brakes on limo companies

U.S. limousine companies are laying off workers and closing offices as the recession cuts into demand for the shiny black symbols of wealth and power. **REUTERS**



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Breeding better vegetables

Monsanto, Dole focusing on taste, shelf life of fresh produce

Monsanto Co. and Dole Fresh Vegetables Inc are formalizing a partnership to breed broccoli, spinach and other vegetables that would be more attractive to consumers.

The five-year collaboration, announced yesterday, will focus on creating variations of broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce and spinach, the companies said in a statement.

The focus of their efforts is to breed more colourful, tastier vegetables that are less susceptible to bruising and have a longer shelf life.

"If I buy broccoli on Saturday or Sunday and try to cook it on Wednesday, it'll get wilted," Monsanto

spokeswoman Riddhi Trivedi-St. Clair said of one of reasons for the program. She also stressed that these new variants will not be genetically modified

like the company's corn seed and soybean products, a much larger operation for Monsanto.

Also known for its herbicide business, Monsanto has been aggressively growing its vegetable business with recent moves such as the 2005 acquisition of

Seminis, which gave Monsanto control over more than 30 per cent of the North American vegetable seed market.

In 2008, Monsanto acquired De Ruiter Seeds, whose focus is in greenhouse vegetable growth as opposed to open-field expertise of Seminis.

Dole and Monsanto had previously been working together on fresh vegetables, though the agreement announced yesterday formalized the venture, said Dole spokesman Marty Ordman.

Should new products be created under the collaboration, they could be sold by Dole in North America.

REUTERS



Wireless giants protest federal airwave auction

INDUSTRY As several new wireless companies prepare to launch services in Canada in the coming months, Rogers Communications Inc., Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. are accusing the federal government of unnecessarily meddling in a competitive market through last year's auction of airwaves, which set aside 14 per cent of available spectrum for new entrants.

The carriers argued in recent filings to Industry Canada that the approach encouraged "gaming," as prospective new players artificially drove up bids on airwaves that were available to everyone, knowing

Overpaying

• Telus' Michael Hennessy said Telus recently commissioned a study that found auction participants overpaid by as much as \$2 billion for spectrum compared to what similar slices of airwaves have fetched in other countries.

that the incumbents would be unable to respond.

"This will push the industry back into a cumulative cash flow negative position for a number of years," warned Michael Hennessy, the senior vice-president of regulatory and government affairs for Telus.

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U.S. President Barack Obama plans to throw out his first pitch as president when he visits St. Louis next month. Obama will offer the ceremonial first pitch at the all-star game on July 14. Earlier this year he skipped traditional opening-day invites. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Babcock for Canada

Mike Babcock, left, will coach the Canadian men's hockey team at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver according to numerous media reports. Columbus Blue Jackets coach Ken Hitchcock is expected to be on Babcock's staff. Babcock, 46, has a career coaching record of 282-139-71 in the NHL with 58 post-season victories. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Former Detroit Red Wings teammates Steve Yzerman, left, and Brett Hull were named as part of the 2009 class of inductees to the Hockey Hall of Fame yesterday.

Hall of Fame induction will reunite Wings trio

Steve Yzerman, Brett Hull and Luc Robitaille, who won a Stanley Cup together with the Detroit Red Wings in 2002, were reunited yesterday when they were voted into the Hall of Fame.

The 2009 class also included Brian Leetch, the first U.S.-born player to win the Conn Smythe Trophy as the Stanley Cup's Most Valuable Player, and New Jersey Devils president and general manager

Lou Lamoriello.

The Red Wings trio will be led into the Hall by Yzerman, who spent his entire career in the Motor City. He guided Detroit to three Stanley Cups before retiring after 22 seasons as the sixth all-time leading scorer with 1,755 points.

Hull joins his father, Bobby Hull, in the Hall. They are the only NHL father-son duo to record 600 goals and 1,000 points apiece. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Herd get their man

Brent Andrews decides to play in Halifax instead of in NCAA

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If only QMJHL teams could sell their education packages before the draft as well as they do after it.

The Halifax Mooseheads apparently revealed new facts about what they have to offer and convinced Brent Andrews to announce yesterday he has abandoned his stated pre-draft plan to play NCAA hockey at the University of Maine.

Andrews, a highly-touted forward who Halifax picked in the first round (15th overall) in early June, joins a long list of top prospects — Angelo Esposito and Steven Anthony among them — who have experienced a post-draft



"They're a pretty young team, but hopefully we'll rebuild over the next couple of years."

Brent Andrews

change of heart.

"I realized how much the Q has to offer with education," Andrews said. "It's really underrated compared to what previous sources told me. It's a good balance between school and hockey and the right spot to pursue my hockey career."

Although prospects struggle to wrap their head around it, most Q graduates head to university in good financial shape. The league offers \$16,000 for four years of education; teams supplement that with scholar-

ships; and if players graduate to university hockey, more funding can come from the school.

"We don't match NCAA packages — we can't do that," said Mooseheads general manager Cam Russell. "But you look at the big picture, you're getting funds from three different entities, and it works out to something very similar."

Russell was in big trouble if the Hunter River, P.E.I., native didn't change his mind. He dealt No. 1 defenceman Gabriel O'Con-

nor for the 15th pick used to select Andrews.

He sees the six-foot-one 183-pounder as a two-way power forward.

"He's going to be an exciting player for us and for our fans for the next three or four years," Russell said.

Andrews is looking forward to suiting up for the Herd.

"They're a pretty young team, but hopefully we'll rebuild over the next couple of years," he said. "Hopefully I can help out and contribute as soon as possible."

Two other Mooseheads picks, blue-liner Steve Gillard (181st) and forward Kody Orr (197th), are also eyeing the NCAA but could be at training camp, which opens Aug. 19.

Sports in brief

AWARDS Dartmouth's Ian McMullin was named Sport Nova Scotia's male individual athlete of the month for May yesterday. He placed fourth in men's double mini trampoline at the Canadian gymnastic championships in Hamilton. Halifax swimmer Olivia Feschuk won the female award.

BASEBALL Last night's Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League clash between the Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians and Dartmouth Moosehead Dry has been rained out. No make-up date has been set. Halifax also had a road game against the Kentville Wildcats moved from tonight to Sunday.

METRO HALIFAX

Halifax runner back on track

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After a summer where everything that could go wrong did go wrong, Geoff Harris is back on track.

The Halifax runner has rebounded from an injury-plagued year and is coming off the best two 800-metre clockings of his career. He is riding high into this weekend's Canadian track and field championships in Toronto and the Aileen Meagher International Track Classic in Halifax on Canada Day.

Last summer, he admittedly had a "terrible" year after accidentally cutting the bottom of his left foot on broken glass and blowing out his right Achilles shortly thereafter.

"I spent last year trying to recover, getting into as many races as I could, but never really running fast," Harris said. "This year, I had no injuries and was really smart about recovery and getting therapy. I've had a way better year."

Harris' recovery is good news for his quest to qualify for the 2012 Summer

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16th annual Aileen Meagher International Track Classic
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Olympic Games in London.

The 22-year-old has dropped everything to achieve his goal, leaving school at Dalhousie to commit to full-time training for the foreseeable future.

"If I wanted to push this to the fullest and train and compete at a high level, it was really impossible to take all of my classes," said Harris.

Harris is hoping for a podium finish at nationals and can't wait to go head-to-head at the Aileen Meagher with Haitian Olympian Moise Joseph, the defending 800-metre champ.



Middle distance runner Geoff Harris trains for next week's Aileen Meagher International Track Classic at Huskies Stadium yesterday.

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More cars on U.S. roads in April

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Metro Drive

**'10 Prius is here**

The all-new 2010 Toyota Prius is on sale. The new model starts at \$27,500, less than the 2009 model and is the lowest price ever for a Prius in Canada. Five trim levels are available.

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Tacoma: Friend magnet

Toyota's handsome pickup gets the work done

NEIL MOORE
for Metro Canada

In his groundbreaking bestseller *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, Dale Carnegie omitted one key piece of advice: Buy a pickup truck.

Sure, it's important to smile, remember a person's name and be a good listener, but let it slip to friends and neighbours you just bought a pickup truck, and you'll never have to buy another six-pack of beer.

Sure there are alternative modes of transport, but do you really want to strap a load of two-by-fours on to the roof of your \$60,000 SUV? How about sliding a pile of interlock and concrete slabs into the back of your plush, carpet-lined minivan?

My tester for the week — the 2009 Toyota Tacoma 4x4 Double Cab — came in metallic grey with TRD (Toyota Racing Development) badging on the sides.

I have always found the Tacoma to be a handsome truck. Unlike many "compact" pickups, it does have a presence, and with its big P265/65R mud & snow tires on 17-inch alloys, not to mention the optional hood



Big and surefooted, the Tacoma 4x4 V6 Double Cab is equally at home taking passengers around town, on the job site and off-road.

scoop, the Tacoma looked every bit the serious off-roader. Not that I was headed for the bush anytime soon.

And at nearly 19 feet long and only about eight inches shorter than a full-size Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4x4 Crew Cab, I'm not sure if "compact" fairly describes the Tacoma.

I won't say the Tacoma is as spacious in back as a full-size sedan, but there's

reasonable room for two adults, three in a pinch.

The Tacoma is available in eight models, starting with the 4x2, four cylinder Access Cab to the 4x4 V6-powered Double Cab. There's even a 4x2 "tuner"-styled truck called the X-Runner, that sits low to the ground and is powered by the same V6 with a six-speed manual.

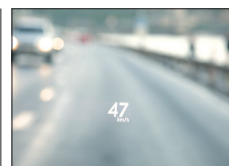
Up front, the Double Cab is outfitted with sedan-like

comforts and amenities. The optional sport seats are comfortable and well-bolstered, and provide a driver's seat lumbar adjustment. The optional leather-wrapped steering wheel includes audio controls for the in-dash six-disc CD changer, part of the TRD Sport Package.

With the automatic, the SR5 Power Package bumps the Tacoma to \$33,300 and adds 16-inch alloys with

wheels locks, sliding rear window, cruise control, chrome grille and rear bumper, dual vanity mirrors, auto-dimming rear view mirror with integrated backup camera, keyless entry and more.

I didn't get a chance this time to take the Tacoma off-road, but our streets and highways offered no shortage of potholes and heaved pavement to test the suspension.



Lexus has introduced a new Head-Up Display (HUD) that projects essential information onto the base of the windshield.

Lexus adds HUD to windshield

TECHNOLOGY Lexus has targeted an advanced, yet user-friendly, design for the cockpit of the new RX 450h with a focus on making key vehicle data and controls easy to access with minimum driver distraction.

A key element in Lexus' innovative approach is the new Head-Up Display (HUD), which projects essential information on to the base of the windshield, within the driver's field of vision.

Using technology that was originally developed for use in fighter jets, HUD presents vehicle speed, turn-by-turn arrow navigation instructions, audio information and warnings from the Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) and Pre-Crash Safety (PCS) systems. The system is provided as standard on SE-L Premium versions of the RX 450h.

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Mazda would like us to believe its diminutive iconic two-seat roadster is called the MX-5. It's not. It's the Miata. Always has been. Always will be.

Allow me to illustrate: "What car are you testing this week?"

"A Mazda MX-5."

Awkward silence. Blank stare. Chirping crickets.

"You know, a Miata."

"Oh yeah! Cute car. Don't they come with a big bottle of perfume?"

This third generation car (launched in 2006 with the MX-5 handle) sees a number of tweaks for 2009. Externally, it gets more muscular side-sills, reshaped rear bumper and a revised visage with sharper headlights and a (thankfully)

2009 Mazda MX-5 GT

Type: Two-seat roadster
Price: \$39,995 (base)
Engine: 2.0L four cylinder
HP/Torque: 167 hp; 140 lb.-ft.

Highlights

- Fun to drive
- Cute looks

subtler version of Mazda's leering grill.

The interior is spruced up with recontoured sport seats, trim upgrades, sharper gauge graphics, a new center console with additional storage, a padded armrest and door panels reshaped for increased leg room.

MX-5 pricing starts at \$28,995 for the five-speed manual soft-top GX. My fully loaded six-speed manual GT specimen

checked in at \$39,995. That price included the power retractable hardtop, which is a \$2295 option on the \$33,495 six-speed GS model.

The GT gets such niceties as keyless entry, Bluetooth, heated leather seats, 7-speaker audio, Sirius satellite, 17" alloys, fog lights, strut tower brace, Xenon headlights and A/C with auto climate control.

Though 2009 marks the 20th anniversary of the Miata, I'm happy to report it retains the simple rear-drive purity that made this

roadster a hit from day one. Clutch takeup is short, and a mere twist of the wrist has the roadster changing its directional path. The star of the show is the rifle-bolt six-speed shifter that sprouts from the top of the transmission, just as God intended.

A six-speed auto with paddle shifters is a \$1200 option. And yes, God will probably forgive you for ordering a slushbox-equipped Miata.

For 2009, the 2.0 litre four-cylinder engine gets a new forged steel crank-

shaft and connecting rods, stiffer valve springs and an oil cooler. Horsepower increases by one to 167 and the redline has risen from 6700 to 7200 r.p.m. With 140 lb-ft of torque it's reasonably punchy in the midrange.

The MX-5 is engineered to deliver maximum driving pleasures at modest velocities. It's a seven-tenths car. Push beyond that and it gets tail happy and a bit messy. If you want a tenths roadster, spend twice the money and buy a Porsche Boxster.

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The interior is spruced up with recontoured sport seats and sharper gauge graphics, among other upgrades.



In the summer months, bug splats on a vehicle's windshield might take some effort on your part to remove.

Bug splats menace in summer

With warmer weather, bugs across the country are on the rise.

From mayflies to mosquitoes, insects swarm the roadways.

Many will meet an untimely death on vehicle windshields this summer, leaving drivers with a mess that typical blue washer fluids can't remove.

"Most bugs are small, but they can travel in swarms which can make a

large impact on your windshield," said splatologist Mark Hostetler, a recognized Bug Doctor and author of *That Gunk on Your Car: A Unique Guide to Insects of North America*.

"As the temperature rises, so does the number of insects near the roadways. They are so numerous that many are traversing roads and ending up on our windshields."

According to Hostetler, carbohydrates found in insect parts and bird droppings cause biological deposits to stick to windshields on impact, creating large splats that can impair driver visibility.

In addition, if some splats are not removed relatively quickly, a vehicle's paint can be "eaten" by the splat's acidity.

Bugs are interesting creatures, and you can tell

a lot about them from the splat they leave on your windshield.

For example, examine the colour of the splat. If it has a bit of red in it, then it's from a female bug — they're the only ones that bite and draw blood," said Hostetler.

"For as interesting as they are, however, at some point we've still got to get them off the windshield."

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Wheels were made for rockin'

AutoPilot

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Our family has its share of arguments in the car. No more or less than the average, I guess, if the average is around three per city block.

We parents figure this is good thing. You can't learn sarcasm too early.

We often fight about what music to play on the stereo. I'm OK with this, because it only demonstrates that people are passionate about music, and how essential music is to the automotive experience.

Volvo once trotted out some research, that noted that many people have their most intense "musical experiences" in a vehicle. Researches cited the enclosed confines of the car, which tends to focus the experience, and that these days the times behind the wheel are simply the most convenient for music listening. Combine that with the



A Volvo study once noted that many people have their most intense "musical experiences" in a vehicle, columnist Michael Goetz writes.

killer sound systems in today's cars, and you can see why a vehicle has replaced the rec-room as the prime music grooving venue.

But my theory is that car travel, especially if you're a passenger, doesn't require your dominating and logical side of the brain, the one you use when you fill out your income tax online.

This lets your creative brain off the leash, the one that tends to meander down various garden paths,

and creates those weird but fascinating dreams — like that one where you are suddenly on the subway with a pet monkey and neither of you were wearing pants.

I think this part of your brain listens and responds to music differently ... probably more profoundly. It's why watching the landscape roll by with Neil Young pounding away through the rear speakers is such a contemplative and satisfying experience,

and one that's hard to replicate any other way.

Then again maybe all your road tunes just have really good back beats.

Of course, the genre of music that is most tied up with the automobile is rock 'n' roll. Teenage car culture took off in pre-war America almost simultaneously with the birth and rise of the so-called "devil's music." They couldn't help but influence each other, because they essentially

went to the same high school and hung out in the same parking lots.

And the first rock 'n' roll recording is generally considered to be 1951's Rocket 88. Introduced in 1949, the Oldsmobile Rocket combined the small, lighter body of the Olds 76, with a new powerful V8, becoming a precursor to the muscle car, and a perennial NASCAR champion.

Ike Turner and his band came up with the tune,

"Watching the landscape roll by with Neil Young pounding away through the rear speakers is such a contemplative and satisfying experience."

and the legendary producer, Sam Philipps, recorded them doing the number at his legendary Sun Studio in Memphis.

The recording is also one of the first to feature a distorted guitar sound, now a crucial element of rock and roll tone. Legend has it, that the sound came about because the guitar player's amplifier was compromised on the car ride from Mississippi.

The amp either fell off the roof, or suffered rain damage in the trunk. Either way, Philipps liked how it sounded.

Probably for the same reasons people liked the sound of that Rocket V8 — compelling, and a little rough around the edges.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

Cadillac unveils wagon

Cadillac's first-ever North American wagon is a progressive take on the classic wagon body style that delivers significant functionality and fuel efficiency, including up to an estimated 11.9 km/litre highway.

The CTS Sport Wagon is essentially the same size as the acclaimed CTS sport sedan on the outside. However, the new Sport Wagon nearly doubles carrying capacity, with 25 cubic feet (720 litres) of space behind the rear seats; and 53.4 cubic feet (1,523 litres) with the rear seat folded.

Available features include those of the well-appointed CTS Sport Sedan, including all-wheel drive, a 40-gigabyte internal hard drive, pop-up navigation screen and a hand-cut-and-sewn cabin.

One of the more interesting integrations of form and function is the seamless roof load management system. Rather than stylized stanchions, brackets and cross bars that protrude above the roofline, the CTS Sport Wagon's system blends with the



The 2010 Cadillac CTS Sport Wagon will offer a choice of V6 engines and optional all-wheel-drive.

roofline, maintaining an uninterrupted appearance.

The centre section of the roof panel angles downward inside the roof edges, allowing an unobtrusive placement of the cross bars — and creating a subtle fin effect at the trailing edges of the rear panels.

The interior of the Sport Wagon is common with the sedan, including

streamlined instrumentation, LED lighting and hand-cut-and-sewn accents with French stitching.

Direct injection (DI) technology is integral to the CTS Sport Wagon. It maintains fuel economy and lowers emissions, while improving power. DI delivers fuel more precisely to increase the efficiency of combustion. **FROM CARGUIDE**

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Off-roading 101

Tips for taking path less travelled

JUSTIN PRITCHARD
for Metro Canada



Ready to hit the dirt for the first time in your new truck or SUV? Here are some basic tips to keep you safe, secure and free of being hopelessly stuck. They even rhyme, so they'll be easy to remember.

WHEN IN DOUBT, GET OUT AND SCOUT

Assuming your vehicle can tackle a questionable stretch of terrain is a good way to get stuck. Not sure how challenging an unfamiliar bit of trail is? Take a walk to check things out first. If your intended path looks too dangerous, deep, or rocky, find another one.

WATER ON THE TRAIL? LET COMMON SENSE PREVAIL

Deep water can hide seri-

ous obstacles, ruts, and other nasty hazards. It can also destroy your vehicle's engine. Most SUV's are engineered with some degree of water fording ability—but you should never cross water if you aren't sure of its depth or what's beneath it.

Mark Nelson, Chrysler's senior manager of Jeep vehicle synthesis, comments "when crossing deep water, one should always verify the water depth prior to entering. Reference your owner's manual for water fording capability. Once you decide to enter the water, do it slowly. If at any time you feel you'll exceed the depth originally anticipated, back out the way you came."

WHEN THE ROAD ENDS, BE SURE TO BRING FRIENDS

Off-roading alone is bad

news. If you wind up hurt, stuck or lost, it's best to have a friend or two along with a capable vehicle.

USE 4X4 AS NEEDED, WHEN TRACTION'S DEPLETED

If your vehicle has a transfer case, you may be unsure of when to select two or four wheel drive, or when to engage the low-range. Nelson offers some advice.

"In general, low-range should be used when tackling steep grades so the gearing advantage can be utilized. A good rule of thumb is to not engage four wheel drive, either high or low, until you need it. Once in need of 4WD, use 'Hi' until the terrain dictates."

Remember, that 4WD "Lo" setting can only be used at crawling speeds, so switch back to "Hi" when you're finished with it.



Off-roading can be fun and thrilling for adventure lovers but make sure you know some of the basic rules of travelling through rough and inhospitable terrain.

ENCOUNTERING RUTS? STAY ON TOP OF THE CUTS!

Get your tires into a rut, and you'll lose your ability to steer, while running the risk of getting seriously stuck.

If travelling in the same direction as the ruts, keep your tires riding the high ground on either side of them. At the very least, try and keep at least two

tires out of the ruts at all times. If you're travelling across ruts, you're typically best to tackle them diagonally—one wheel at a time. Go slowly and be very gentle with the controls.

OBSTACLE AHEAD? HIT IT WITH THE TREADS!

Never assume you'll be able to clear an obstacle

you have to drive over. If you can't get around that tree stump or rock that wants to puncture your oil pan, you're generally best to hit it with the tires.

Have a friend spot you, or stop and check for clearance first. Line one side of your vehicle up with the obstacle, and drive over it very slowly, one tire at a time.

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Workology

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Peer-grades ruled against

An Ontario court has upheld a previous ruling that found that University of Toronto psychology professor Steve Joordens' use of a peer-marking system violated the collective agreement for the university's teaching assistants and sessional instructors. The union representing these instructors filed a grievance against uToronto when it found out about the software with which students would grade and comment on each other's work. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pushing you beyond the limit

Head to Toe

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

If a great workout is what you're after, Tyler Lees-Schmut's job is to sure you get the butt-kicking — and the results — you deserve.

As a strength and conditioning coach at the Dynamic Conditioning Centre in Toronto, Lees-Schmut, 24, teaches clients to find fitness and confidence in themselves by helping them conquer workouts designed for their unique bodies.

"It's all about noticing imbalances in a person's

body and paying attention to them and being able to modify an exercise to suit each person," he said.

Whether it's helping hockey players beef up their quads or pushing office workers to strengthen their slouching backs, Lees-Schmut doesn't mess around — he wants to push your body to its limits so you can learn to go beyond them.

He says some of his most rewarding work has been with clients who don't think they can handle vigorous exercise or truly achieve meaningful results because with the right coaching, they can. Just because a buff hardbody in the corner of the gym can pull a truck tire across the floor or dead-lift a full keg



Tyler Lees-Schmut is a strength and conditioning coach at Toronto's Dynamic Conditioning Centre.

over their head doesn't mean you should feel discouraged.

"A lot of people come in and see someone doing something tough and they

say, 'Oh, I could never do that.' Well you'd be surprised at what you can do," Lees-Schmut said.

Lees-Schmut says his father was his biggest influ-

ence growing up, motivating him to play sports and enjoy physical activity.

"I owe my dad a lot for sure — he got me into sports as a kid. There's just an innate passion for moving in me and seeing what the human body can do," he said.

The biggest challenge for Lees-Schmut is not actually related to his expertise or work with clients but rather with public perceptions of what his job entails.

"Some people have a misconception that strength trainers are, to use a single word, 'meat-heads.' That's not true at all. We have to know a lot, we have to have those smarts to do our job correctly," Lees-Schmut said.

Workout tips

Thinking of starting a workout? Here are a few tips:

- Most people who sit at a computer for long hours have weak hamstrings and frail, slouching backs — give some attention to strengthening these areas before embarking on a full-out regimen.
- Tell your trainer about any physical issues you may have — they can modify exercises to ensure your avoid injury while still getting a great workout.

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'It's really a knockout, you know?'

Seeing New York City through the eyes of Woody Allen

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



Long before I saw the Statue of Liberty in person I felt like a New Yorker. Woody Allen's romantic, idealized movies set in the Big Apple planted the seed of love for the city.

His latest film, *Whatever Works*, is the first of Allen's films to be set in Manhattan in four years, and you get the sense he's glad to be home. It's his love letter to the city, showcasing New York-only locations like Chinatown's fish markets and the Yonah Schimmel Knishery (137 E. Houston St. near 1st Ave., 212-477-2858).

The movie will make you want to jump on a NYC-bound plane, which is exactly what I did.

There are no official Woody Allen tours of Manhattan, so I created my own daytrip to see Allen's New York. With a good pair of runners, a map, a Metrocard (1-Day Fun Pass for \$7.50 US) and some determination you should be able to do this tour in about six hours.

The first stop serves a double purpose. The Dean & DeLuca Café (560 Broadway at Prince St. in SoHo, 212-226-6800) is the perfect place to fuel up on coffee to get the day started — it's also where Mia Farrow has lunch with the newly-single Judy Davis in *Husbands and Wives*.

Now that you're in a caffeinated, New York state of mind, exit SoHo for the



Left, Woody Allen and Diane Keaton in a classic scene from the 1979 movie *Manhattan*.

funkier streets of Greenwich Village.

You'll pass the former home of The Bleeker Street Cinema (144 Bleeker St.) — where Allen's character takes his niece to see movies that will improve her mind in *Crimes and Misdemeanors* — on your way to his favourite pizza joint, John's Pizzeria (278 Bleeker St., 212-243-1680). John's is where Allen and his younger girlfriend, played by Mariel Hemingway, have the "in six months you'll be a completely different person" conversation in 1979's *Manhattan*.

Moving north to midtown: The Carnegie Deli (854 Seventh Ave. between 54th and 55th streets, 212-757-9889) is virtually unchanged since Woody shot much of Broadway Danny Rose here in 1984.

Take time to check out the autographed pictures of celebrities who have eaten there, and if you have the appetite of three people, order The Woody Allen — "Lotsa corned beef plus lotsa pastrami; for the dedicated fresser only!" says the menu, and it's not kidding. There's a pound of meat between two slices of rye.

Walk off the sandwich with a jaunt to the The St. Regis-Sheraton Hotel (2 E. 55th St., 212-753-4500). This is where Michael Caine and Barbara Hershey carried on their covert love affair in *Hannah and Her Sisters* and, in *Radio Days*, the hotel's King Cole Room (with its Maxfield Parrish Art Nouveau mural) was the site of the swanky New Year's celebration Joe Needelman listened to on the wireless.

Next is the location of

one of Allen's most iconic New York images. The poster for *Manhattan* showing Woody and Diane Keaton sitting in silhouette on a bench was shot at Riverview Terrace on Sutton Square, just beneath the 59th Street Bridge.

It looks a little different than it did in 1979. The bench is gone (stolen by Woody fans perhaps?) and the landscape is a little different but the view is still spectacular.

You've seen the movies and the sights, now catch a glimpse of the Wood-man in person. Allen and his clarinet have been blowing up a Dixieland storm on Monday nights (from September to June) at the Café Carlyle (35 E. 76th St. at Madison Avenue, 212-744-1600) since 1996.

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Evan Rachel Wood and Larry David in a scene from Woody Allen's upcoming film *Whatever Works*.

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Fish, environment bloom at Italy's Portofino park

The chic Italian seaside resort of Portofino may be known for its postcard-perfect views and celebrities, but deep underwater, the rich sea life is also claiming a name of its own.

The sea off the Ligurian coast hosts an underwater treasure trove of moray eels, grouper fish, bream, mullet, red starfish, hundreds of yellow cluster sea "daisies" and red coral adding bursts of colour against dark green algae-covered rocks.

In the last 10 years, since the Protected Marine Area of Portofino was founded, fish populations have grown as some activities became regulated or even banned, local officials, environmentalists, fishermen and divers said.

Although they said it was difficult to quantify, all noted a difference.

"Some fish that were not there before have now reappeared," said Giorgio Fanciulli, director of the

marine protected area.

"For those that were caught through fishing when diving, something that's now banned, it means they have come back in significant numbers."

The 374-hectare (924.2 acres) protected area runs from the town of Camogli around the promontory of Portofino, where colourful houses huddle around its little harbour.

The area is divided into zone A, which no one can enter, and zones B and C, each with their own rules. Boats need to anchor in specific areas, scuba divers are limited in numbers in the 20 diving spots and sport fishermen need special permits.

"There was a lot of opposition at first, because it was feared that everything would be forbidden. Now things have changed," Fanciulli said.

Simone Gambazza, a fisherman from the town of

Camogli, said he had been wary of the protected area at first but has welcomed some of the rules. Gambazza and his colleagues practise fishing net techniques that go back centuries. "As fishermen, we are happier that we don't have boats crossing us at nights. Sometimes, they wouldn't have any lights on, or it would be people coming back drunk," he said. "Also the fish are less disturbed now."

The Portofino promontory has been known as diving spot for years. It even has a statue of Christ, 18 metres underwater.

"The quality of the dives has improved 100 percent," said Roberto Baciagalupi, who opened his B&B diving centre some 20 years ago. "Before you wouldn't see the grouper you see today."

There are 26 protected marine areas in Italy and only some have enjoyed major success like Portofino, Fanciulli said. **REUTERS**



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Rather sporting **Paille Maille, anyone?**

For the first time in 400 years, a game of Paille Maille is played on London's Pall Mall (in front of Buckingham Palace) by players dressed in period costume. In the 17th century, the pastime was so popular in the area that it eventually bequeathed its name to the street.

Travel in brief

ACCOMMODATION As U.S. hotels try to lure a shrinking number of business and leisure travelers, the industry appears to have adopted a new motto — "Better cheap than empty." But as hotels slash rates and

offer sweet deals to fill empty rooms during the recession, they may regret their largess if customers get permanently spoiled by cheap lodging. "There will be a resetting of rates and rate expectations

for the foreseeable future," said Bjorn Hanson, lodging industry expert at New York University. "Even less expensive hotels will have to compete on rate more than they have already." **REUTERS**

Tour New York City, Woody-style

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Reservations and jackets are required and tickets (\$100 for the show, dinner is extra) go quickly so book ahead for toe-tapping fun.

Not quite as exclusive or as pricey is Elaine's (1703 Second Ave. between E. 88th and E. 89th St., 212-534-8103), which restaurant writer A. E. Hotchner summed up with the words, "What Rick's place was to Casablanca, Elaine's is to New York."

It's the location of one of Allen's most famous one-liners: In Manhattan, he's at Elaine's complaining about the difficulties of seeing a 17-year-old. "I'm dating a girl who does homework," he says.

Off-screen, it's one of his favourite restaurants. "I ate at Elaine's every night for about 10 years," he said. "I've eaten alongside everyone from Don King to Simone de Beauvoir. There was no celebrity that didn't show up there."

One celebrity who ate there was Mia Farrow, who asked Michael Caine to introduce her to Woody one night at the restaurant,



Elaine's, the setting for one of Allen's most famous one-liners.

thus beginning their long and tumultuous affair. Soak in that storied atmosphere for the price of an entrée.

The tour finishes up with a trip to Pomander Walk, (260-266 W. 95th St. through to 94th Street between Broadway and West End Avenue). This beautiful Tudor-style village — built to resemble the London stage set from a ro-

mantic 1910 play — is the location of the architectural tour Sam Waterston gives Dianne Wiest and Carrie Fisher in *Hannah and Her Sisters*.

By the tour's end you'll see why Isaac Davis, Woody Allen's character in *Manhattan*, famously said, "This is really a great city. I don't care what anybody says, it's really a knockout, you know?"



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Disappointing return

Visually spectacular Transformers sequel exhausting to watch

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

Director: Michael Bay

Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox

Classification: 14A

Rating: ●

NED EHRBAR
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Michael Bay's sequel to his 2007 international mega-hit Transformers is massive, loud and unrelenting. As a film, it's exhausting to watch, with every square inch of screen filled with over-saturated colour and a soundtrack clanging, scraping and rumbling nonstop.

In its defense, the visual effects appear to be spec-

tacular, but Bay can't seem to let the camera rest for a second, making the scenes of giant alien robots doing battle confusing and hard to follow. Even in a simple, supposedly touching scene of dialogue between our hero Sam (Shia LaBeouf) and his girlfriend (Megan Fox), Bay's camera won't stop circling around them at a distracting pace.

Much like the first film, Revenge of the Fallen suffers from trying to stuff in too much of everything — too many Transformers (especially the similar-looking Decepticons), too many humans with too many subplots, too many attempts at humour — pushing it to an undesired two-hour-plus running time.

The dialogue in the film

Transformers screen times

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- Truro: Wed-Thu 6-9:15
- Bridgewater: Wed-Thu 6:30-9:40
- Complete listings are available at metronews.ca/movies.

breaks down into three categories: Yelling and shouting, summarizing the plot, or broad, sometimes offensive attempts at humour. In a story where the humans basically tag along with giant robots and try not to get killed, apparently everyone gets to be the comic relief.

And the film's humour —

besides all the references to testicles — tends too often to veer off into the patently offensive, embodied more than anywhere else in a pair of Autobots who shuck and jive their way into a gold-toothed, illiterate robot rendition of Amos and Andy.

That anyone involved with the production



Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen is in theatres today.

thought it would be OK is remarkable. The performances make Jar Jar Binks of Star Wars: Episode I seem classy and sophisticated in retrospect.

What's most surprising — and disappointing — about this new Transformers is not that it came from Michael Bay, but that it

came from the same screenwriters who brought us this summer's earlier Star Trek. We know what they're capable of, and that just makes it that much more disappointing.

• Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen photos, a trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

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critics' corner

The Philanthropist
James Purefoy ("Rome") stars in this new drama series as billionaire playboy Teddy Rist, whose life is changed irrevocably after he rescues a boy during a hurricane. Buoyed by the experience, Teddy resolves to channel his power, passion and money into helping those in need, while exorcising his own demons in the process. 8 PM on CHIF, 11 PM on NBC



10 Marias: 1 Year Later
Ask Clay Aiken and Susan Boyle — you don't need to be the winner to get noticed on a television talent contest. But how has it worked out for the women who competed for the lead in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Canadian production of "The Sound of Music"? A year after the reality show "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria" crowned Elicia MacKenzie the winner, the 10 finalists reunite to watch her onstage and update viewers on how their own careers are going. 9 PM on CBC

Tattoo Highway
Thomas tattoos a cross on a firefighter who fought the devastating Southern California wildfires of 2007. The crew picks up Blake, the sexy new shop helper, as the bus ventures farther south. Thomas confronts Chilli about his drinking after he makes lewd and inappropriate advances toward Blake before passing out in the new episode "Hot and Bothered." 11 PM on A&E



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Sassy mom

Judy Reyes, who stars as the sassy nurse Carla on TV's *Scrubs*, is expecting her first child with her boyfriend, director George Valencia. **PEOPLE.COM**



Beloved Ed dies

Ed McMahon, a fixture on U.S. late-night television for 30 years as the full-throated announcer and sidekick for Johnny Carson on NBC's *The Tonight Show*, died yesterday at age 86, his spokesman said.

The veteran TV personality, best known for his nightly introduction of Carson in a deep, booming voice with the drawn-out line, "Heeeeeeeere's Johnny!" died at a Los Angeles-area hospital, spokesman Howard Bragman said.

"He died early this morning with his wife and loved ones by his side," Bragman said. McMahon had been battling pneumonia and other illnesses.

Outgoing, affable and possessing a robust, baritone voice, McMahon began his career with stints as a bingo caller, carnival barker and boardwalk pitchman before becoming a broadcast announcer and TV host.

Trained as a U.S. Marine fighter pilot during World War II, he flew missions in Korea in the 1950s.



Ed McMahon — shown here at the 60th Primetime Emmy Awards in September 2008 — died yesterday at age 86.

He went on to become one of the most celebrated sidekicks in TV history as Carson's right-hand man on *The Tonight Show* starting in 1962, stopping in 1992 when Carson retired as host.

The gregarious McMahon, a frequent comic foil for the Carson during ad-libbed banter at the top of the show, was familiar even off camera for his "Hi-oooooh!" and frequent guffaws at Carson's monologue jokes, especially when a punch line fell flat.

Carson died in January 2005 at age 79.

McMahon's signature introduction of Carson endured as a catchphrase. Jack Nicholson's maniacal character in the 1980 movie thriller *The Shining* announced "Heeeeeere's Johnny!" as he burst through a door to menace his wife with an ax.

McMahon was a leading figure on several other television shows, including the syndicated talent show *Star Search*, which helped launch the careers of a number of well-known performers, including comedian Dennis Miller.

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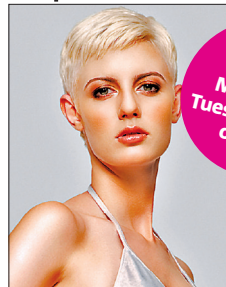
No sour grapes for Rebecca

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Toronto

She's got the look. But when you see her in action, Rebecca Wyse doesn't appear to fit the model mould.

"I am a big person who stamps around at random times and watches the original series of *Star Trek* all in one go because I'm just that kind of a person," said the 19-year-old from Cambridge, Ont.

Despite her regular exhibition of quirks and personality while competing on the third cycle of Canada's *Next Top Model*, the show's judges criticized the newly bleached-blonde, Twiggy-cut competitor for not being herself in photo



Rebecca Wyse was kicked off Canada's *Next Top Model*.

Canada's Next Top Model airs Tuesday nights on CTV.

sponses. "The media is kind of terrifying," she said with a laugh. "I felt that I was always thinking in the back of my mind, 'Don't say anything stupid.'"

It was no surprise to Wyse, however, to be kicked off the show for her performance in the challenge. She said her fate was sealed by her lack of passion, in comparison to the other hopefuls.

"When I was eliminated, I came to the realization that this was a show where the prize is a career, and I wasn't exactly sure if that was the career I wanted to take for the rest of my life."

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Angelina Jolie's dad sees the similarities between his daughter and Megan Fox, usmagazine.com reports. "Well, they are both very beautiful women, and they are both sexy gals, you know," Jon Voight said. "And they're both in action pictures now." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Things dads shouldn't say

Celebrity Buzz

Amy's surrogate 'mummy'

ALTERNATE LIFE Amy Winehouse is calling a pub owner "mummy," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The troubled singer — whose alcohol-fuelled antics have caused concern for her parents while she is staying in St. Lucia — has grown close to a woman named Marjorie who runs her favourite bar on the island, and now thinks of her as family.

A source told Britain's

The Sun newspaper: "She bounds into her local, Marjorie's Beach Bar, shouting, 'Mummy! Mummy!' on a daily basis.

"She's not only close to Marjorie but also her sons. She'll spend hours in there with them."

Winehouse's parents — who divorced

when the 25-year-old singer was young — recently released pictures of their drunken daughter slumped over while playing the drums.

They have also spoken out about her problems, saying her alcohol addiction is "killing" them.

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Kabbalah vacay for Madge clan

FALL GETAWAY Madonna is taking her newly adopted daughter Mercy on holiday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — a devout follower of the mystical Jewish faith Kabbalah — wants to take the four-year-old, and her other adopted son David, to see the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

The trip will happen in September to coincide

with Madonna's final date of her Sticky and Sweet tour in Tel Aviv, Israel.

A source told Britain's

The Sun newspaper:

"Madonna wants to

give Mercy enough

time to settle into

her new home. By

September she

feels she will be

ready to take the

trip without

the danger of

upheaval.

"The Wailing Wall is a very sacred place for anyone with links to the Jewish faith and she wants the children to see it."

Mercy flew from her home country

of Malawi to London to start a

new life with

the 50-year-old

singer on Saturday.

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Farrah hospitalized again

POOR HEALTH In her continued battle with cancer, Farrah Fawcett has again returned to a Los Angeles hospital, a source tells People magazine. The actress has been hospitalized for at least two weeks.

The source indicates that the actress, who was first diagnosed with anal cancer in 2006, is not

doing well.

"There was a moment last week when she was supposed to be released and was going home but things changed," said the source. Fawcett's publicist Arnold Robinson said, "She is still being treated for her condition."

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Elisabeth served with suit

UNDER FIRE More drama for Elisabeth Hasselbeck, usmagazine.com reports. The View co-host — who sparks controversy for her conservative opinions — is being sued by an author who claims Hasselbeck, 32, stole her book idea.



Self-published author Susan Hassett states in a federal lawsuit filed in Boston that Hasselbeck infringed on her copyrights by publishing a book on celiac disease called The G-Free Diet: A Gluten-Free Survival Guide last month, the Boston Herald reports.

Publicists for ABC and Hassel-

beck's publisher, Hachette Book Group, could not be reached for comment by the Herald.

Hasselbeck — who is pregnant with her third child — recently announced she suffers from celiac disease, which damages the small intestine and interferes with nutrient absorption.

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No more Speidi, E! viewers beg

ENOUGH E! News is banning any further updates on Heidi and Spencer Pratt.

The channel's site ran a poll recently asking readers if they'd had enough of the couple, and a whopping 94 per cent said yes, so the editors have vowed to ignore the reality stars from now on.

"Barring any actual news (e.g., she gets knocked up, he falls off a cliff or — heaven help us — her album goes to No. 1), consider this their very last post," they said in a blog post.

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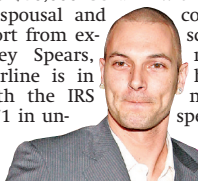
IRS after K-Fed over taxes

BIG SPENDER Despite receiving close to \$30,000 US a month in spousal and child support from ex-wife Britney Spears, Kevin Federline is in trouble with the IRS over \$14,371 in unpaid taxes.

During

last year's custody battle with Spears, when the couple's finances were scrutinized, court records showed that his company, Goose-neck Productions, had spent \$841,129 and made only \$544,075.

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Bikinis are popular in Dubai: Paris

LOOPHOLE There have been a lot of concerns surrounding Paris Hilton as she films her latest reality show in Dubai, especially after she was photographed recently at the beach in a bikini, something it was assumed local officials wouldn't be

thrilled about. But Hilton was quick to take to her Twitter account to set the record straight.

"One of my friends just called me from back

home and asked if I got in trouble for wearing a bikini at the beach here," she wrote. "Everyone at the beach and pool was wearing swimsuits or bikinis. What do you expect people to wear? It's over 100 degrees out here."

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GLAAD rips into Perez

THE OTHER F-WORD During a heated confrontation with Black Eyed Peas star Will.i.am over the weekend, gossip blogger Perez Hilton decided to call him the "worst possible thing that thug would ever want to hear," popeater.com reports.

Unfortunately for him, that "thing" was an anti-gay slur, and that move has angered a gay rights group that is now calling for an apology from the self-dubbed Queen of All Media.

GLAAD was responding to a video posted by the blogger, whose real name is Mario Lavandeira, in which he relayed his version of an altercation with rapper Will.i.am and his entourage.

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It's a girl, and another girl, for SJP

SURROGATE BIRTH It's double the joy for Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick, who have welcomed twin girls, according to several local news outlets in Ohio, people.com reports.

A spokesperson for East Ohio Regional Hospital had no comment, but told People "everything's good." Reps for the couple could not be reached for comment.

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"More 'fabulous girls' are joining our SATC family," Sex and the City co-star Kim Cattrall said yesterday.

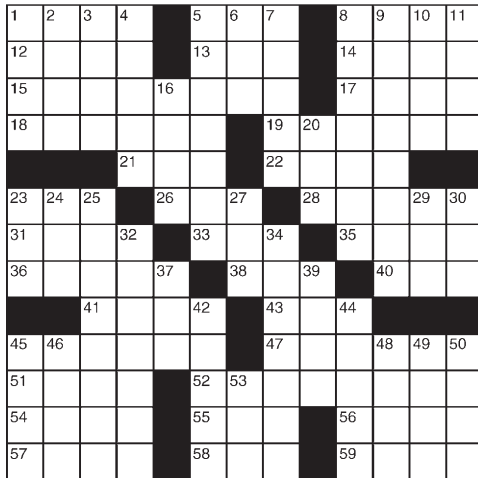
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Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Catchall abbr.
- 5 Felon's flight
- 8 Basilica section
- 12 Initial chip
- 13 Actress Larter
- 14 Converse
- 15 Rogue
- 17 Undecided
- 18 Piercing
- 19 Anatomical rupture
- 21 Copper head?
- 22 Genealogy chart
- 23 Relative of a peke
- 26 Bonfire residue
- 28 TV's Gomez Addams
- 31 Use a rotary phone
- 33 Round Table address
- 35 Benefit
- 36 Extraterrestrial
- 38 Encountered
- 40 Obtain
- 41 Manicure site
- 43 23-Across' place, often
- 45 Pamper
- 47 See 34-Down
- 51 Shrek is one
- 52 Potpourri
- 54 Winged
- 55 Rhyming honour
- 56 Additionally
- 57 Stamina (Sl.)
- 58 Head movement
- 59 Not so much

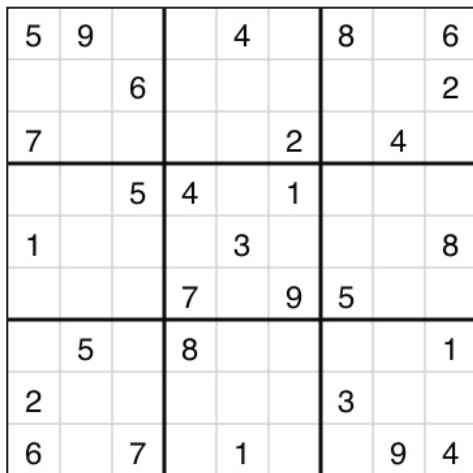
Crossword down

- 1 Church service
- 2 Part of the foot?
- 3 Celebrity
- 4 "As You Like It" role
- 5 Anarchic
- 6 Chicken-king link
- 7 Has potential
- 8 Ingenue, e.g.
- 9 Repeated attempts to contact
- 10 Ganges garment
- 11 Sicilian volcano
- 16 Goya's "Duchess of —"
- 20 Historic time
- 23 Palm Pilot, e.g.
- 24 Lubricate
- 25 Principal street
- 27 That guy
- 29 Mamie's man
- 30 Trawler need
- 32 Guides
- 34 Calm
- 37 Zero
- 39 London gallery
- 42 Lousy car
- 44 Bicycle part
- 45 Brat's stocking stuffer
- 46 Look lasciviously
- 48 Competent
- 49 Back talk
- 50 Ids' counterparts
- 53 Altar affirmative

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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|---------|---------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MAYO | ALLA | BABA | 8 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| ORAL | VET | AFAR | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| WILD | FOWL | TRIG | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| NAE | RID | PHOTO | 9 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| BID | JET | | 6 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 1 |
| VADUZ | WONOVER | | 7 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| AHOY | CAT | WEVE | 4 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| LAZARUS | HEXED | | 2 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 6 |
| VIP | TIL | | 1 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 |
| CAROM | WIG | PSI | | | | | | | | | |
| ANWE | NIGHT | TOWL | | | | | | | | | |
| NODE | ASH | URAL | | | | | | | | | |
| ENOL | BET | BEGS | | | | | | | | | |

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

| | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Under 13 min |Genius | 17-21 min |Smart |
| 13-17 min |Scholar | 21-25 min |Not bad |
| | | 25+ min |Keep practising |

Metro Recipe of the Day



Meatballs with Creole Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large onion
- 1 1/3 lb (600g) ground beef
- 1 large egg
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) plain flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) hot paprika
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil

SAUCE:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 medium green pepper
- 1 medium red pepper
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 sticks celery
- 1 can (19oz / 540ml) chopped tomatoes
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp (5 ml) hot paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) molasses

METHOD:

1. For meatballs, peel and chop onion. Put half into large bowl with beef, egg, flour, cayenne, paprika, salt and pepper. Mix thoroughly and set aside.
2. For Creole sauce, heat oil in large pot over moderate heat, fry remaining onion until softened, then rinse, deseed and chop

- peppers and stir into onion.
3. Peel garlic and crush into pot. Rinse and chop celery and stir into pot. Cook 2 minutes.
4. Add tomatoes and their juice, bay leaf, cayenne, paprika, molasses and 1/2 cup (125 ml) of water and bring mixture to boil. Then simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes or until sauce is thick but vegetables still retain crunch.
5. While sauce is simmering, cook meatballs: Heat oil slowly in very large frying pan. With wet hands, shape meat mixture into 16 balls, about size of golf balls, and put carefully into hot oil. Fry over high heat 10 minutes, until browned all over and just cooked on inside.
6. Season Creole sauce to taste with salt and pepper and serve with meatballs.

SERVES 4



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Someone you are close to emotionally is in a rebellious mood and you may be tempted to say something harsh. Don't. It will only make it worse.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Allow the ambitious side of your nature to come to the fore. Encourage yourself to do more and do better. You have almost unlimited potential.

TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

You are right to be pleased that you were proved correct — and those who swore blind that you did not know what you were talking about got it wrong.

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

You seem much more like your old self of late and the Sun in your fellow Water sign of Cancer will give you the confidence to try new things.

GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

You may be eager to cash in on your latest big idea but it will take a sizeable investment of time and energy, so plan carefully before you begin.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

If you think that you deserve a bigger share of the spoils it is your right and your duty to speak up about it. Don't worry that you might look greedy.

CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Be bold, be brave and be the best you possibly can in all things. Most people don't aim high enough and therefore fall short of their potential.

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

An upbeat attitude is essential today, especially if you are one of those Capricorns who tends to take life a bit too seriously at times. Look around you.

LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

The Sun's transit of the most sensitive area of your chart will inevitably make you a bit crabby at times, but that's not a bad thing.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

If you are feeling bored with your current routine then it is up to you to do something about it. No one can make life more interesting for you.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

If you are open and honest with people, they will be open and honest with you and together you'll do wonderful things.

PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

The Sun in Cancer may be a protective influence but that does not mean you can let down your guard. Trust no one.

This day in history

JUNE 24, 1880: First performance of O Canada, the song that would become the national anthem of Canada, at the Congrès national des Canadiens-Français.

JUNE 24, 1374: A sudden outbreak of St. John's Dance causes people in the streets of Aachen, Germany, to experience hallucinations and begin to jump and twitch uncontrollably.

JUNE 24, 1916: Mary Pickford becomes the first female film star to get a million dollar contract.

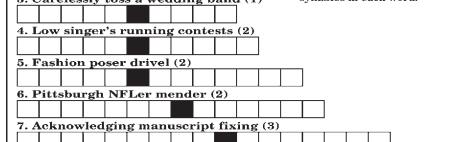
JUNE 24, 1928: With declining business, the Great Gorge and International Railway begins using one-person crews on trolley operations in Canada.

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